

STROKE OF PEN ADDS 20,000 TO ARMY; RUSH BILL Wilson Signs Emergency Measure—Congress "Speeding Up" "GAG RULE" ENFORCED

WASHINGTON, March 17.—An increase of about 20,000 in the United States army was authorized today. President Wilson shortly before noon signed the joint resolution, passed by the House and Senate, authorizing the increase of the army up to the full authorized strength.

It was the last official act required to make the bill effective. Secretary of War Baker signed the paper last night. Recruiting officers are being ordered to begin the work of raising the additional men.

Under forced draught the legislative machinery today began to grind out the Administration's preparedness program. European applications, with an insistent demand from the White House, brought to an end the long delay over army legislation, and Congress began some actual "speeding up."

"GAG RULE" IN HOUSE. The House, under the spur of a special "gag rule," began debate on the Hay bill, approved by President Wilson, and unanimously recommended by the House Military Affairs Committee, which provides for a standing army of 140,000 men, the Federalization of the National Guard as a second line of land defense, and additional officers for civilian, militia and student instructions.

The debate today developed that a group of members of the House propose to make a fight to increase the standing army. They want from 200,000 to 350,000 men.

Under the special rule, which was adopted without a dissenting voice, the House will work day and night on the Hay bill, and Administration leaders hope to force a vote on the measure before the end of next week.

Chairman Hays of the Military Affairs Committee, aroused considerable enthusiasm when he declared that "all American citizens should stand together on this question without regard to party lines."

"This measure," he said, "does not go to either extreme. It will not satisfy the militarists and it will not satisfy the pacifists. It is a safe, sane, preparedness proposal."

"Under the volunteer system, as maintained in this country, it would be impossible to recruit an army of more than 140,000 men. And the people of this country will not support a proposal that would force compulsory military service upon us."

SENATE BILL UP MONDAY. It was definitely decided today to bring up the Chamberlain army bill in the Senate Monday. Senator Chamberlain introduced the measure today, and said he would ask to have it considered then. Democratic leaders announced that they would see that the war preparedness legislation was sidetracked in favor of it.

Senator Chamberlain said he would submit a report from the Military Affairs Committee explaining the bill later in the day. The chief change in the provision to utilize the services of second, third and fourth-class postmasters to procure recruits and to pay them \$5 for each enlistment. The Senate bill provides an increase in the standing army to 175,000.

Chairman Funderburk, the House Military Affairs Committee, has reported to President Wilson that the navy bill will be reported to the House about April 1.

Because of the possibility of serious trouble in Mexico, much of the opposition to a big preparedness program has disappeared.

Both Senate and House expect to put through the military measures within two weeks. Both will then go to a conference committee, where they will be combined in a compromise measure.

A general discussion of preparedness was precipitated in the Senate when Senator Chamberlain submitted the Military Affairs Committee's recommendation of the bill doubling the number of cadets at West Point, and asked that it be considered immediately. In response to an inquiry as to accommodations, he said arrangements would be made to put three in a room and to mess them into two shifts.

Under the cadet bill two cadets would be appointed from each congressional district, two from each Territory, four from the District of Columbia, two from natives of Porto Rico, four from each State at large and 40 from the United States at large. The bill also would authorize the President to appoint cadets from the regular army at the rate of one from each regiment.

mediate needs of the department. The navy yards are to be hurried in their repairs.

If the actual operations of the American expedition should eventually arouse sentiment and lead to war, the invasion of Mexico, which doubtless would follow, would be launched at Vera Cruz and not over the American border. An immediate emergency would find most of the fighting ships some distance away, and it was thought best to get such ships as the Minnesota, now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, into proper condition for a trip to Southern waters, where it will be harder in case of a fight.

Transporta, such as the Hancock, also at the Philadelphia yard, are being prepared for the transportation of troops. It is not believed at the War Department that any of these emergency measures will be necessary, but the Government is at least playing safe.

CARRANZISTAS CLOSE IN ON VILLA BANDS Continued from Page One full co-operation, it is believed by First Chief Carranza that the rebel leader will soon be captured or killed. Owing to this belief, the campaign against Emiliano Zapata in the hills will be pressed.

Success in the two campaigns would restore peace to Mexico, Villa and Zapata being the only important leaders who have refused to accept the Carranza Government.

The exact location of Villa's forces was reported to be in the vicinity of Pachuca, Chihuahua, about 15 miles southwest of Cuernavaca, toward which the American forces are said to be moving.

Villa was moving leisurely toward the city, apparently having no intention of giving battle.

It was stated that a Mexican force of about 1800, under General Bertani, would join the Americans within a few hours and aid in the battle.

General Carranza will forward to Washington tonight his reply to President Wilson's note of acceptance of the reciprocity proposals.

FICKLE MEXICANS FEARED; MAY DESERT TO VILLA SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 17.—If Brigadier General Pershing's flying columns in Mexico had to deal only with Villa and his original force with which he terrorized the border, his capture or extermination would be comparatively easy matter, according to military men at Fort Sam Houston.

Major General Funston was apprehensive today that Villa, becoming a hero among the Mexicans of the lower class because of his murderous raid on Columbus, N. M., might be joined by recruits from all over Mexico.

It was even deemed possible that Carranzista troops, always fickle in the face of unsettled conditions such as now prevail south of the Rio Grande, might desert the first chief and go over to Villa.

Thus far, General Funston reports, in a statement issued today, the American expedition has suffered no casualties.

"I note that certain news dispatches this morning stated that no Carranzista soldiers are operating with General Pershing's column," stated General Funston.

"On the contrary, about 100 regular Carranzista soldiers are with the column operating under General Pershing's command. Soldiers fighting under the eagle and the snake have switched from Diaz to Madero; from Madero to Huerta; from Huerta to Carranza, and it would surprise no army man to see some of them flock to Villa's standard, since the brigand has had the daring actually to invade the territory of the "gringos" to kill and burn.

Headquarters was without definite news of forces over the border early today. Despite both wireless and telegraph, General Funston had no word of any importance.

Rigid censorship relative to the movement of the troops was kept up, and with the arrival of reinforcements of reports, General Funston fixed definite hours for seeing the correspondents.

German Army Officers Aiding Villa, Says Report

EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—Francisco Villa has with him in the field four former officers of the German army who help him plan his battles, according to information given to the International News Service today by an American now in El Paso, but who formerly served in the Villista army.

He also stated that Villa was plentifully supplied with ammunition and would be able to hold out in the hills for years unless betrayed.

"The four Germans have been with Villa for many months," said the American. "They attend every conference which Villa holds. Through the help of their technical training, Villa's ability as a soldier, he will be able to make a stand for years. The hills toward which he is heading."

"I know that since the last trouble broke out Villa's agents have sent enough ammunition to him to fill 20 cars. He has this ammunition and plenty of food hidden away in the hills and is supplied for a long, long time."

atched from Culberson's ranch on the New Mexican border and from Columbus are reported today to be moving their way toward Casas Grandes to succor the 500 Americans threatened with massacre by Francisco Villa and his bandits.

Since Daniel Hurst, son of the Mormon bishop, who succeeded in escaping through the Villa patrols, arrived at El Paso, no word has been received from the beleaguered town and anxiety over the situation there increased hourly in El Paso today.

The punitive force that set out from Columbus was expected to be first to reach Casas Grandes, but information that trickled through the military censorship today indicated that this column had been delayed and that the second column, led by Colonel Dodd, would win the race to the town.

Reports received here differed as to whether General Pershing was with the Dodd or Slocum column, but the general impression was that he had joined the forces of Colonel Dodd, having ordered Colonel Slocum to proceed southward as rapidly as possible.

Reports from Presidio, Texas, in the "big bend" country east of here, told of renewed bandit raids by Villa sympathizers on American soil.

It was reported that thousands of Mexicans in the great stretch of open country south of Presidio were ready to join the Villa standard against the "invaders."

Desertions of Carranzista soldiers throughout Chihuahua also were reported, although no specific act of opposition by Carranzista troops against the American expedition has yet been confirmed.

FORCED MARCHES. The 7th and 16th Cavalry, under Colonel Dodd, said to be advancing by forced marches from Culberson's ranch near Hachita, N. M., were nearing the Villa territory in the Casas Grandes region.

These troops are reported to be marching with the minimum of equipment, and to be led by scouts from the Mormon colonies at Colonia Dublin and Colonia Morales.

Villa, since the pursuit of the American army started, apparently has passed beyond the Mormon colony about Casas Grandes. Reliable dispatches indicated that the 500 Americans there were safe.

These dispatches gave credit to Carranza forces about Casas Grandes for putting up a front which stopped Villa from making his proposed raid on the Americans.

This information indicated strongly that the bandit leader, with his supply of swift

horses, was again on the move. Casas Grandes is about 75 miles due south of the point where the column of General Pershing entered Mexico.

Only physically fit men were permitted to go with General Pershing. This order was issued before the column marched into Mexico yesterday, and as a result, a caravan of soldiers arrived here from Columbus this afternoon for the base hospital at Fort Bliss.

A majority of the men were from the 8th and 15th Infantry. Colonel Slocum insisted that every man of his command, the 15th Cavalry, be permitted to make the trip into Mexico as a reward for their defense of Columbus last Thursday.

ORGANIZES NEW BRIGADES. The new brigade being formed here for border and expeditionary service was organized by Brigadier General Bell. It included the 30th Infantry, two companies; the 5th Artillery Battery, the 25d Infantry, the 7th Infantry and the 8th Cavalry.

The 2d Cavalry is expected Saturday from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., and the 1st Infantry will arrive from San Antonio tomorrow. It is expected this brigade will be sent in at Columbus as it is formed.

Numerous troop trains pulled into Columbus during the night and the little town on the New Mexican border awoke to find the camp had grown considerably in population since last evening. A new lot of cavalry horses was notified. Great piles of supplies, in boxes and stacks of baled hay had sprung up near the railway station. Quartermaster wagons left constantly over the road to the south during the day.

AERO SQUAD HELD BACK. In a sage brush plain off to the side of the camp a number of aeroplanes were tried out. They had been set up since their arrival yesterday and were tested today. One or two of the aviators were in the air most of the day. They circled far out over General Pershing's forces, returning at sundown. None of the aviators has yet joined the advance column, so far as could be ascertained.

Wounded Villistas were brought into Columbus from the south side of the line, where many of them have been without medical treatment since the battle of Columbus. They had been hiding in the houses of Palomas.

INFLUX OF MEXICANS NOW PROBLEM ON U. S. FRONTIER WASHINGTON, March 17.—The immigration problem on the Mexican border is reported to have become acute. As in always the case when there is a disturbance in northern Mexico, the influx of Mexicans into the United States has increased rapidly. The present trouble has caused a great number of Mexicans to attempt entry into this country for safety.

Secretary of Labor Wilson today said all the cases were being taken up as they came in and there is no change in the qualifications demanded of the immigrants.

MEXICAN BAND IN SONORA PREPARES TO CUT OFF VILLA DOUGLAS, March 17.—Five hundred Mexican soldiers, apparently Pima Indians, who came up from the interior of Sonora to Naco Wednesday, broke camp early today and marched eastward. They have been reported along the border and previously they took the road that angles to the south and leads to Cabullona, where the former Agua Prieta garrison is now stationed.

From Cabullona General Callen has been sending troops to guard the mountain pass to the \$500,000 breach in front of cut off Villa if he comes that way.

Two troops of the 1st United States Cavalry have arrived at Naco, Ariz., and relieved the two companies of the 11th Infantry that have been doing patrol duty there. The infantry entrained for Hachita to help the battalion already there to guard the base of supplies of Colonel Dodd's column.

The Continents North and South America are usually recognized by geographers as two continents. The "five continents" counted are Eurasia (Europe and Asia), Africa, North America, South America and Australia. The two Americas are sometimes grouped as one continent, but to quote the New International Encyclopedia, "That is hardly justifiable unless Africa be included with Eurasia."

In calculating the altitudes of the continents, Lapland, Murray, Penek, Supan and Heidekrich say "Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America."

MEXICANS FIRE BRIDGE TO CUT OFF MORMONS' ESCAPE IN CHIHUAHUA

EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—Mexicans burned a bridge on the Mexico Northwestern Railway near San Pedro, today, further delaying the rescue of prisoners of American Mormon colonists in Chihuahua.

Impatient over the delay in bringing their co-religionists to the border, the El Paso Mormons obtained permission from General Gavra, Carranza commandant in Juarez, to dispatch a special train from Juarez to Pearson. Unless the Carranzistas start a refugee train northward before the relief special reaches them, the Mormons will not reach the border before Saturday night or Sunday.

Gavra refused a military escort to the refugee train. He said he had no troops to spare. Armed El Paso Mormons will travel with the special to fight off possible attacks by bandits. Groups of Villistas were reported along the Mexico Northwestern Railway over which the train must travel.

According to the latest information, Villa was in the vicinity of San Buenavista, north of the Santa Clara canyon. This is south of the Mormons in the Galeana district and indicates they will probably escape molestation.

MILLIONAIRE DENIES HE PROMISED TO WED GIRL Henry Denniston Says Calls of Distant Relative "Annoyed Him"

PITTSBURGH, March 17.—Henry Denniston, millionaire recluse, today filed his answer to the \$500,000 breach in front of brought against him by Miss Nettie M. Richardson, a distant relative.

Denniston denies that he promised to marry Miss Richardson on July 1 last, or said that he would marry her "within a month of that time," or ever answered her letters. Her calls on him "annoyed" him, Denniston said in his answer.

IMPORTANT CORNER SOLD Ground at 59th and Market to Be Developed

William Wilfong has conveyed to Ernest E. Minor ground at the southeast corner of Market and 59th streets, 214 feet 6 inches on Market street, with a depth on the east side of 59th of 420 feet to Chestnut, where the ground has a frontage of 214 feet 6 inches. The plot recently was purchased by Nucom Kenin from William Wilfong for a reported price of \$75,000.

Mortgages aggregating \$250,000, which will be secured by the erection of 55 stores and dwellings on the Market and Chestnut street fronts, on Ludlow and on 59th, have been recorded. The ground sold is part of a tract of 20 acres which was purchased in 1769 by Sebastian Wilfong, an ancestor of the seller.

MAYOR APPROVES \$200,000 CONTRACT Mayor Smith during his stay in the South has approved a number of contracts awarded by the Bureau of Highways. Among those received in Philadelphia was one to the Union Paving Company for \$200,000 for making repairs to asphalt streets throughout the city.

41 LIQUOR LICENSES GRANTED BY ARMSTRONG COUNTY COURT

Seventeen Applications Refused by Judge J. W. King

KITTANNING, Pa., March 17.—Judge J. W. King, of Armstrong County, in License Court here today handed down his decisions. Of the 68 applications for retail and wholesale licenses, 17 were refused and 41 granted. There were five fewer licenses granted than last year. The rules of the court are that barrooms must be closed at 9:30 p. m. and not opened before 7:30 a. m. No grillrooms are permitted and the bar-tenders will be required to keep a strict account of the bottle goods sold each day.

The following retail licenses were granted: Kittanning borough: W. H. Schuyler, Hotel Alexander; Richard A. Steim, Hotel Stein; M. J. Linnon, Linnon Hotel; Harry Reynolds, Reynolds House; R. M. Fleck, Hotel Vernon; M. J. Maxwell, Citizens Hotel; James McDermott, Central Hotel; Jacob Merwin, Nulton House; Emil Kaus, Orr Hotel.

Ford City borough: Fred Kirschman, Seheron Hotel; John Kamer, Hotel Anderson; A. M. Gregg, Ford City Hotel; R. W. Reynolds, American Hotel; David A. Goldman, Park Hotel.

Brady's Bend township: Thomas J. Rockett, Central Hotel; H. B. McKinney, Stonehouse Hotel.

The following wholesale licenses were granted: Kittanning borough: J. A. Tarr and W. M. Walker, Edward M. King.

Ford City: Louis Lefkowitz, John Kovalevsky, M. J. Glenn, C. A. Moorhead.

Mahoning township: Louis H. Broudy, Seminole.

Rural Valley borough: Harvey S. Schlemmer.

The Cruel Truth Thomas A. Edison said the other day: "The new inventions of naval warfare will be cruel. This must be so. To win in modern warfare one must be as cruel as the young lady who was proposed to by the epic poet."

"How much do you make, Virgil," she asked him, "out of all this epic poetry?" "Well," Virgil confessed, "I only made fifty last year, but, darling, there are other things in life besides money."

"Yes," the young lady answered, "Yes, there's the workhouse."

Compelling Belief in Dreams The individual who makes himself the art of divination of dreams will find that dreadful events will be foretold. In so far as he is concerned, science says that it is perfectly possible for such a belief to be a convincing realization.

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PET NAVY EN TRIM. Extensive preparations are now being made to put the United States Navy in fighting trim, so that the Government may not be taken unawares if the optimistic assurance of the support of General Carranza should prove unsteady. It is because the navy is not in fighting shape that the House promptly passed emergency legislation bill carrying \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 to pay for the purchase of 100,000 pairs of shoes for the navy.